PUBLIC NOTICE WMR FY17-560

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) intends to reissue a hazardous waste permit for the Phillips 66 Company Billings Land Treatment Unit. The draft permit includes requirements for closure and post-closure care of the inactive land treatment unit (LTU) including conditions for routine inspections and soil, groundwater, and surface water monitoring. No waste has been applied to the LTU since 2003.

The draft permit is being issued under Title 75, Chapter 10, Part 4, of the Montana Hazardous Waste Act. An environmental assessment has been prepared for this permit reissuance in accordance with the Montana Environmental Policy Act. The environmental assessment documents all reasonable alternatives to DEQ's permit action and outlines the potential impacts to the human environment resulting from DEQ's permitting action and the reasonable alternatives.

This notice is to inform the public of the opportunity to comment on the draft permit and the associated environmental assessment. DEQ invites members of the public to participate in the decision-making process. During the public comment period, the public may submit written comments to DEQ. The comment period will extend from April 30, 2017 through June 16, 2017.

The draft permit and environmental assessment are available for review at: http://deq.mt.gov/public/ea/WasteMgt; DEQ Billings Office, 1371 Rimtop Drive, Billings, Montana, phone 406-247-4430, during normal business hours; and at DEQ, Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau, Metcalf Building, 1520 E. 6th Avenue, Helena, Montana, phone 406-444-5300, during normal business hours. DEQ has also prepared a fact sheet describing the facility and proposed permit reissuance. The fact sheet will be available for review at the above locations.

During the public comment period, any interested person may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issues to be raised in the hearing. If a hearing is held, DEQ will provide notice of the public hearing date at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

All written comments on the draft permit should be addressed to: Denise A. Kirkpatrick, DEQ, Waste and Underground Tank Management Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901, or emailed to: DEQhazwaste@mt.gov. Interested persons may also call Denise A. Kirkpatrick at 406-444-3983 or email dkirkpatrick@mt.gov for additional information.

Based on the comments received, DEQ will make a final decision to issue, deny, or change the draft permit. Notice will then be given to the applicant and each person who submitted written comments or requested a notice of the decision. The final permit decision will become effective 30 days after notice of the decision, unless a later date is specified in the notice. If no comments are received requesting a change to the draft permit, the final permit will become effective immediately upon issuance.

All written comments must be received by DEQ on or before June 16, 2017, to be considered.

Dated: April 26, 2017